

Positive Alternatives 2015 - 16 Quarterly Update

Grantee: EPIPHANY CARING FOR LIFE

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Goal: Provide pregnancy support services to pregnant women and families in Anoka County

For the period: July 1 to September 30, 2015

Activity or Service	Activity or Service Description Major Work Plan Activities	Work Plan Count	Program Progress and Accomplishments Report the progress and accomplishments made this period on each activity.	Report Count
Administrative Activities	Service Coordinator: Provide guidance to grant staff, attend grant meetings, complete grant forms; manage grant funds and program donations; schedule/report meetings; recruit, screen and train volunteer; update guidelines and protocols; track baby equipment supply/requests/recalls, develop resources to expand supply; track housing resources and emergency shelter availability; reorganize and update baby closet		Coordinated a summer stretch blanket making event with the faith formation youth director (7/15/15). Networked with St. Stevens Church in Anoka (8/26/15) and St. Paul's Church in Ham Lake (9/1/15). Delivered brochures. Completed additional child safety Virtus training through Epiphany (8/30/15) and attended two day domestic violence training (8/20-8/21). Researched a new supplier for pack and plays on (9/19/15). Tracked distribution and purchased additional pack and plays and car seats. Met with ECL team to prepare for annual baby shower fundraiser on (9/15/15). Recruited and organized volunteers for the baby shower.	
Administrative Activities	Client Service Advocate: maintain client tracking program and database and review for possible updating; recruit, train and evaluate care line volunteers; administer Hotline; review intakes; update training manuals; update volunteers regarding policies, procedures and resources; coordinate companion education/training, provide speakers, communicate/support companion, assess companion support and client satisfaction; coordinate Angel Wings miscarriage support program and volunteers; investigate and develop		Spoke with two potential companion candidates (8/1/15). Completed additional child safety Virtus training through Epiphany (8/15/15). Met with ECL team to prepare for annual baby shower fundraiser on (9/15/15). Helped recruit baby shower volunteers via Facebook. Continue to manage social media presence on Facebook providing additional support to clients and outreach to potential clients. Researched supplemental grant options and began application process for Walmart and Supervalu grants (9/20/15). Continue to update and maintain client database. Obtained and reviewed new Anoka County resources from the county (9/10/15).	

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	social media; investigate and develop new fundraising options			
Administrative Activities	Support Assistant: Procure car seats; review and update baby bed and car seat application protocols, and guidelines; provide assistance in completing financial assistance applications; schedule and meet new clients regarding Safe Sleep education and car seat safety, provide additional resources as needed		The support assistant continued to review and provide support to clients in filling out applications for qualifying programs. Distributed pack and plays and sleep safety education and car seats and car safety education. Completed additional child safety Virtus training through Epiphany (8/30/15). Met with ECL team to prepare for annual baby shower fundraiser on (9/15/15). Purchased decorations and helped recruit volunteers. Networked with a new Health Partners social worker to explain ECL services and programs (9/1/15).	
Outreach	Increase community access and visibility; continue community education and maintain contacts		Support assistant networked with Epiphany Faith Formation to increase cooperation and participated in helping the students make blankets for ECL clients. CSA outreached to school PTO to recruit volunteers, explain services, and partner to increase diaper donations.	
Car Seat Program	Provide car seat education and installation training to clients	4	Reviewed and provided support to clients for 7 car seat applications. Distributed car seats and car seat safety education to 4 clients.	4
Case Management Services	Client Service Advocate (CSA) provides assessment and support; follow- up regarding need for necessary services; provide additional information and support.	50	Provided case management services to 62 clients, through follow up calls and continued mentoring. Gave referral information on adoption services to 3 clients. Provided continued emotional support to 2 clients without any local family support. Provided referrals to Help Me Grow early intervention services to 2 clients to help with child development.	62

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Crib Distribution/ Sleep Safety Education	Review applications and distribute pack and plays and cribs to qualifying clients; provide Sleep Safety Education to clients receiving baby beds.	10	Received and reviewed 20 pack and play applications with clients. Distributed a pack and play and safe sleep education to 16 qualifying clients.	16
Financial Assistance	Assist clients in completing financial assistance applications; provide food gift cards for specialty formula or diapers and gas cards for transportation to school or work	17	The support assistant reviewed 27 financial applications and called clients back to confirm information and help with the completion of applications. If clients did not qualify for the service the support assistant and client service advocate connected them with other local organizations that could provide help.	27
Hotline	Provide 24 hour care line for personal support; offer necessary services to callers	8	The CSA answered 123 calls total, and 8 clients received necessary service information through the hotline only.	8
Material Support	Provide baby and maternity clothing and other items for pregnant and parenting women	20	Forty-seven clients visited the baby closet and received material support.	47
Mentoring Program	Provide long term support to clients through trained companions/mentors.	2	Two clients received extensive long term emotional support from the CSA. One client followed through with an adoption referral provided by ECL and placed her baby for adoption. One client received guidance for finding job and school resources from their companion mentor.	3
Nutrition	Provide baby food and formula; provide food shelf assistance	4	Fifteen clients received nutrition support; 7 received formula and 8 received baby food.	15
Provide Necessary Services	Staff provides clients only intake assessments, information on, referral to and	10	Provided intake assessments only and assistance through referrals to 18 clients.	18

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Assessments Only	assistance with securing necessary services			
Transportation	Provide transportation resources to clients and gas cards to qualified clients	20	Twenty-eight clients received transportation resources. Gas cards were given to two clients to provide support for clients to get to doctors visits and to work.	28

Maternal and Child Health Initiative Task Force Strategies	No.
<i>Number of women who received car seats and car seat safety education from a PA funded program activity</i>	4
<i>Number of women who received car seat safety education only from a PA funded program activity</i>	28
<i>Number of women who received child abuse prevention education from a PA funded program activity</i>	28
<i>Number of women who received abusive head trauma (shaken baby) prevention education from a PA funded program activity</i>	28
<i>Number of women who received a baby bed, crib, or pack-n-play and sleep safety education from a PA funded program activity</i>	16
<i>Number of women who received sleep safety education only from a PA funded program activity</i>	28

Challenges:

Comments: